



"Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be A Learner"

Dear Parents/Carers,

Grandparents Day

What a wonderful few hours. It was great to see so many grandparents and special visitors.

Thanks to the grandparents who took on extra students, for those students who didn't have anyone come for them.

Students should have taken home a photo from the day of the grandparent and the grandchild/ren (if you had one taken). Please let me know if you didn't receive yours.

If you would like me to email you the photo (so you have a digital version), please let me know.

Swimming

Grade Prep, one and two have their annual swimming lessons beginning next Wednesday. Permission forms are set to be approved on Compass, with paper ones being sent home tomorrow.

The lessons are at Latrobe Leisure in Morwell. Students will have lessons for an hour and have a chance to play in the water for an hour. The lessons are run by the fully qualified swimming teachers at the centre. The students will be placed in ability groups. We leave it up to the experts (the swimming teachers) to determine the groups. The bus will leave at 9.15am, so they are able to be ready to go in the pool at 10am. The students will be in the pool until 12pm. We hope to be back at school by 12.30 - 12.45pm. I know that swimming can be confronting for some students. Please let the classroom teacher know if your child finds swimming tricky.

School dresses are really hard to put on after swimming, as they cling to the body. It might be worth sending a tshirt and shorts instead on these days.

Swimming lessons are on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week (December 6-8) and the following Thursday and Friday (14 & 15). We have done this so they are not exhausted after 5 straight days of swimming.

Extra Playtime

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the students (and staff) get really tired at this time of the year. We have noticed an increase in issues students are having in the playground and in the classroom. To reward the students that are doing the 'right' thing, we are having additional playtime at the end of the day. There has already been a decrease in the student incidents - worried that they will miss the extra play.

Walk for kids' mental health

13 of the staff have been raising money for Smiling Minds. Smiling Minds are the creators of the app that we use in the classrooms for mindfulness. Many of the students, particularly in the senior classroom, find it very useful.

You may see some of us wearing white t-shirts (some have been tie-dyed) to bring recognition to this.

Our personal goal was to walk 21 minutes each day in November. The other goal was to raise money for Smiling Minds. Our target was \$500. As of today, we have raised \$1133.

Thank you to the staff for caring so much about the mental health of our kids, and to Cass (Miss Furst) for organising it.



Upcoming Events

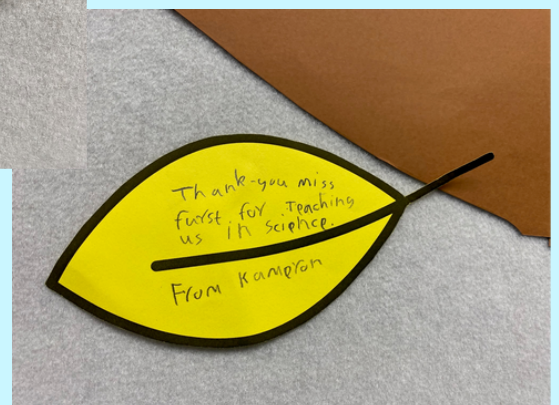
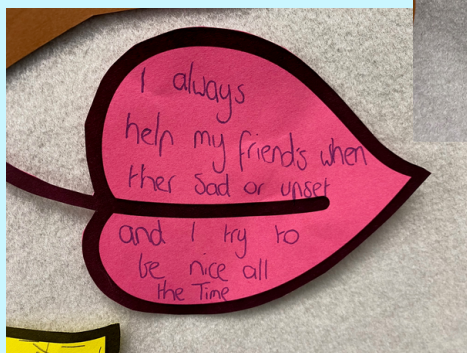
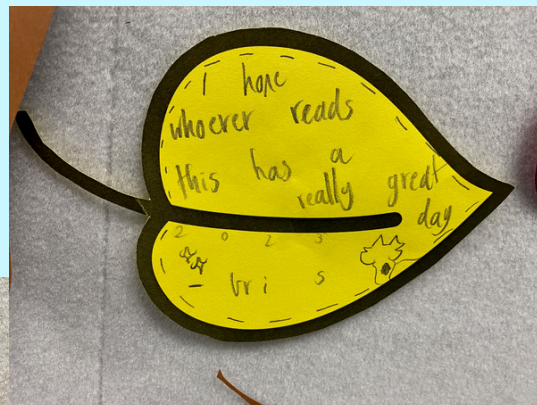
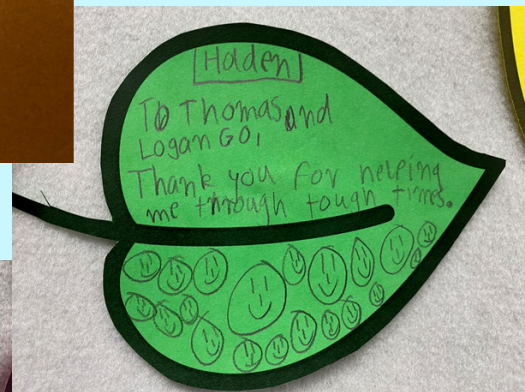
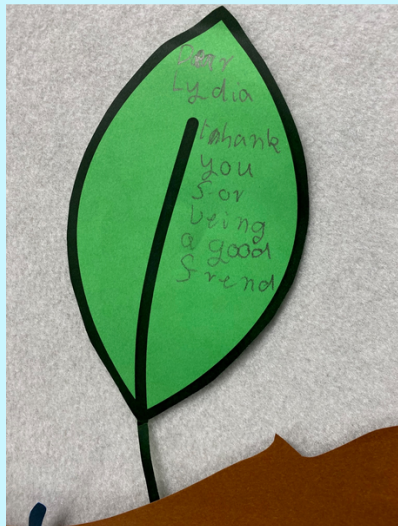
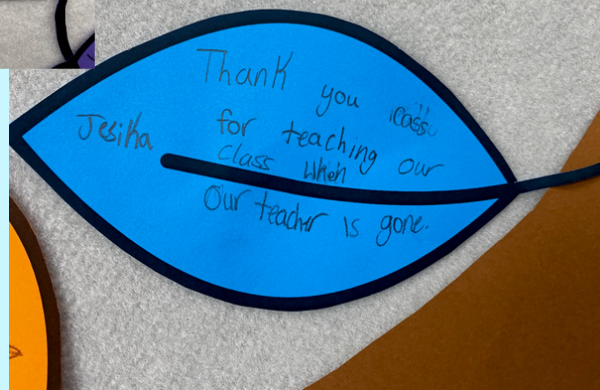
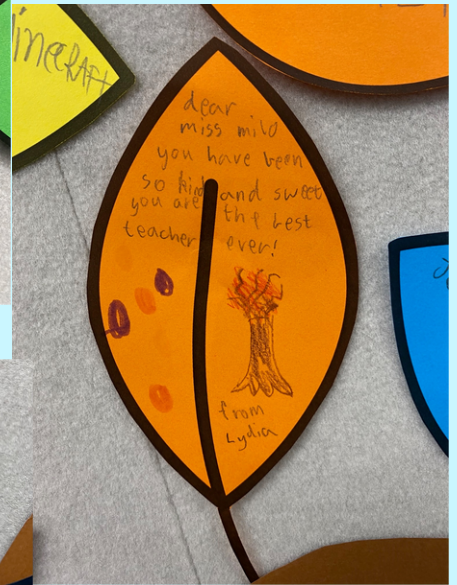
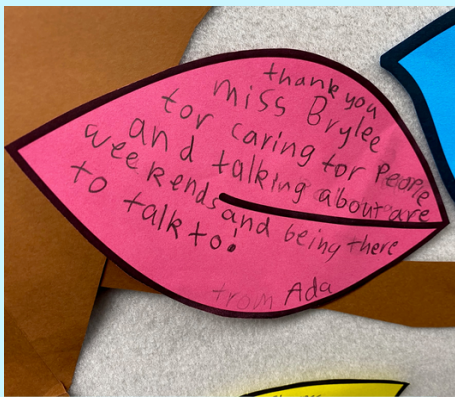
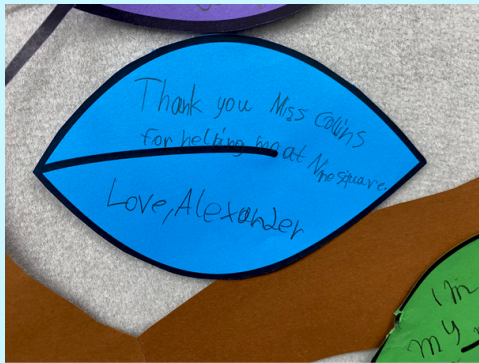
- Dec 4
 - Prep transition session whole day
 - School Council (note change of day)
- Dec 11
 - Prep transition session whole day (last session)
 - School End of Year Break-up 3.15 - 6pm
- Dec 12
 - Statewide Transition Day
- Dec 13
 - Grade 6 Graduation 5.30pm
- Dec 20
 - Last Day of school 1.15pm finish

Every Minute Matters
BE A HERO
Here Every day Ready On time



Our Kindness Tree

Beginning the week of the 13th of November, all classrooms focussed on Kindness, for world Kindness Day. A kindness tree is on the wall in the admin building. Here are some of the leaves.



END OF YEAR BBQ

**MONDAY
DECEMBER
11TH**

**3:30PM-
6:00PM**

Let's celebrate together the end of a busy year!
We are having a BBQ after school to celebrate our students and all their hard work this year. Our after school care provider, TheirCare, has kindly offered to donate sausages for the event, so there will be snags and juice boxes for everyone. There will also be lots of music and games!



If you would like to join us please let us know how many will be attending by returning the slip below to school by Friday December 8th.

Please note that if your child wants to stay after school that parents/carers must attend to provide supervision.



Please remember to send back the slip to let us know how many sausages and drinks to buy. The form should have been brought home already. Please let us know if you didn't get one.

Student Birthdays!



December 11
Harmony
Gr 1

November 30
Brodii
Gr 3

December 11
Talia
Gr 3

December 11
Daniel
Gr 2

December 11
Nevaeh
Gr 5

December 11
Holli
Gr 5

NEWBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL 2024 PREP TRANSITION DATES

Transition Sessions

We run two styles of transition sessions; socialisation days and school routine focus days.

Socialisation sessions allow the students to feel comfortable coming in the classrooms and to get a feel for how school works.

The socialisation days run from 2.15pm till 3.15pm. They are held on:

Monday 2nd of October
Monday 9th of October
Monday 16th of October
Monday 23rd of October
Monday 30th of October

School routine focus days allow the students to undertake lessons and be a part of the normal school timetable.

The school routine days gradually increase in time, ending with full school days.

The dates and times are:

Monday November 13th from 8.45am till 10.45am
Monday November 20th from 8.45 till 1.30pm
(including recess)
Monday November 27th from 8.45am till 1.30pm
(including recess)
Monday December 4th for the whole day – 8.45am till
3.15pm (including recess and lunch)
Monday December 11th for the whole day – 8.45am till
3.15pm (including recess and lunch)

The sessions are independent of each other, so if your child is unable to attend a session it won't impact on the following sessions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at school on
5127 1448 or email me directly at christine.robinson@education.vic.gov.au

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Christine Robinson
Principal





Breakfast Club is open every morning between 8:00am-8:30pm with Krystal & Brylee.

School Times

- 8:45 1st Session
- 9:45 2nd Session
- 10:45 Eating Time (supervised)
- 10:55 Recess
- 11:30 3rd Session
- 12:30 4th session
- 1:30 Children supervised to eat lunch
- 1:40 Lunch Recess
- 2:15 5th Session
- 3:15 Dismissal



This term the students are selling Zoooper Doopers on Fridays.

Zoooper Doopers are 50 cents.

The school student leaders will bring the orders to the classroom.

TERM DATES 2023

Term 1	30 January (Students start)	6 April
Term 2	24 April	23 June
Term 3	10 July	15 September
Term 4	2 Oct	20 December



ATTENDANCE



Regular attendance at school is very important for your child's learning and social development. Of course, sometimes children are sick and need to stay home to get well - and that's OK! But other than that, children need to be at school as much as possible to ensure the BEST opportunity for learning. If your child is absent please enter their absence via the Compass parent portal or alternatively call the school on 51271448 as soon as possible.